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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Mr. Robert Noble has already informed you that your Freedom of Information Act Request to him has been sent to our office for action.

We have located the documents we believe you desire and now can provide you with these plus an informed response.

Dr. Alvarez conducted his work with regard to the Kennedy assassination partly in conjunction with his employment by the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory. This Laboratory has been funded by the Government under Contract No. W-7405-ENG-48 since the early 1940's between the Regents of the University of California and the United States, which also covers operation of the Government's ERDA Lawrence Livermore Laboratory.

This contract contains a broad statement of work covering research, development, and educational activities related to the nuclear sciences and the use of energy. Annually, the broad statement of work is supplemented by more detailed financial plans which spell out the work to be performed during the year. However, within these agreed upon areas, Laboratory scientists do have some freedom to perfect analytical techniques or explore applications of such techniques and it has been a long standing Laboratory practice to publish the results of such research by persons such as Dr. Alvarez holding joint Campus/Laboratory appointments. Much of the effort of Dr. Alvarez can be related to analytical methods developed in high energy physics program of the Laboratory.

A copy of Contract No. W-7405-ENG-48 in effect during the period of Dr. Alvarez's study is enclosed.

You requested an explanation on why Dr. Alvarez engaged in the activity. I believe the reprint of Dr. Alvarez's published article clearly provides the answer.

We can find no Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory or local ERDA records relating to Project Jason.

We consider the enclosed material to be fully responsible to your request. There is no charge for reproducing the documents attached.

If you desire further information or assistance, please call Milton Moore (415-273-4186) of our office.

Sincerely,

Milton R. Moore for

Dale J. Cook, Director
Office of Public Affairs

Enclosures:
1. LBL ltr, Alvarez to Moore, dtd 6/7/77
2. LBL ltr, Alvarez to Taylor, dtd 4/6/76
3. Ltr from Brzostowski, undated
4. Ltr, Weber to Alvarez, dtd 10/24/76
5. LBL ltr, Alvarez to Jones, dtd 6/23/76
6. LBL ltr, Gray to Nichols, dtd 8/20/76
7. LBL ltr, Gray to Clarke, dtd 10/13/76
8. LBL ltr, Alvarez to Taylor, dtd 4/6/76
9. Ltr, Millard to Lattimer, dtd 1/12/76
10. LBL ltr, Alvarez to Lattimer, dtd 12/18/75
11. LBL ltr, Alvarez to Lattimer, dtd 10/7/75
12. LBL ltr Alvarez to Lattimer, dtd 8/15/75
13. Ltr, Lattimer to Alvarez, dtd 8/22/75
14. LBL ltr, Alvarez to Lattimer, dtd 6/20/75
15. LBL ltr, Alvarez to Lattimer, dtd 4/14/75
16. LBL ltr, Alvarez to Lattimer, dtd 12/5/74
17. LBL ltr, Alvarez to Menaker, dtd 10/23/68
18. LBL ltr, Alvarez to Menaker, dtd 9/20/68
19. LBL ltr, Alvarez to Rennar, dtd 10/23/68
20. LBL ltr, Alvarez to Thompson, dtd 2/14/69
21. Ltr, Thompson to Alvarez, dtd 2/5/69
22. LBL ltr, Alvarez to Menaker, dtd 8/15/68
23. Reprint Article
24. LBL-3884 Preprint dtd 7/75
25. Contract W-7405-ENG-48, Mod. 22